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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SUZUKI, *et al.*

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AND THERMAL PROCESSING UNIT

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Mail Stop: Amendment

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2008, to which the time for response is set to expire September 17, 2008. Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. Claims 1-7 and 9-17 were rejected and claim 8 was objected to by the Examiner. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and favorable entry of pending claims 1-17 are respectfully requested.

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